

May 19, 1982

Gordon Stanford

Funeral services for Gordon K. Stanford, 75, Columbia were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, at the United Church of Christ in Columbia with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery at Columbia with military rites by the Columbia American Legion Post.

Mr. Stanford died Sunday, May 9, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Gordon K. Stanford was born July 16, 1906, in Lake County, near Madison. He attended school at Winfred and graduated from high school at Madison. He attended General Beadle State Teacher's College at Madison for a short time and then worked at the telephone company there. He served in the U.S. Navy from March 24, 1944, until October 11, 1945, in the South Pacific. Following his discharge he returned to Madison where he served on the police force and was chief for 13 years. He married Grace V. Rensch June 29, 1934, at Sioux Falls. They lived at Madison and in 1957 he was appointed parole officer for the State of South Dakota. In 1959, they moved to Groton and in 1963 moved to Aberdeen. He retired in July of 1973 and the couple moved to Sturgis. They moved to Columbia in February of 1982 and resided there since.

He was a member of the South Dakota Corrections Association, the South Dakota Peace Officers Association, the Madison American Legion Post No. 25, the Paha Sapa Post of the VFW in Sturgis and the Elks Lodge No. 1442 of Madison for 46 years. He was the recipient of the Liberty Bell Award in Brown County and the Sattan-Canary Award from the South Dakota Corrections Association.

Casketbearers, all members of the Aberdeen Police Department, were Allen Aden, Gary Myhre, Freddie Robinson, Theophil (Bud) Schaffer, L.C. (Larry) Thompson and Eugene Hart. Rhea Karlen was the organist and the congregation sang.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Dick Columbia; and Jerry, Aberdeen; two daughters, Mary Stanford, Columbia; and Mrs. Laverne (Sally) Tuttle, Sioux Falls; one brother, Donald, Rapid City; one sister Helen Stanford, Madison; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother.